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1. The Osvobodilna Fronta Slovenije (OF) movement was created on 29 April 1941 following a plan outlined by the Comintern but, because of the Molotov-Ribbentrop agreement, resistance activities did not begin until the German invasion of the USSR on 22 June 1941. After that date, Slovene Communist leaders began negotiations with other Slovene political representatives for one united resistance movement. As a prerequisite, the Communists requested that all members of the united resistance movement belong to a political group willing to collaborate with the OF. This excluded members of the Clericals (SLS) and Liberals, who were described as neo-fascists. Thus, the OF was represented by members of the Slovene Communist Party and by dissidents of the JRZ and JNS, as well as by Christian Socialists.
2. The OF gave the impression of a coalition resistance movement for Slovene nationalist and pan-Slav ends, and its program was made flexible enough to fit local conditions; propaganda methods in Styria, consequently, were different from those used in Ljubljana province, Gorenjsko and Primorska. The OF's principal aim was to recruit as many followers as possible, compromise them in the eyes of the occupying army as OF sympathizers, and thus force them into hiding and armed resistance.
3. At present, the OF, like the Narodni Front, Jugoslavije, is no longer a coalition of political groups, but entirely Communist-controlled. Everyone who believed in the one-time coalition has been expelled from the OF on the pretext of being a reactionary, spy, saboteur, traitor, war criminal or speculator. The most prominent persons purged in this connection were: Dr. FURLAN, Fran SNOJ, Metod KUMELJ, Angela VODE, Dr. Toma JANCIKOVIC, Franjo DAZI, and Dr. Dragoljub JOVANOVIC. These purges were acknowledged with pride by Edvard KARDELJ, Dr. Marijan BRECELJ and Miha MARINKO during the second OF congress in Ljubljana, which lasted from 27 April to 1 May 1948.
4. Following are members of the present OF Executive Committee (IOOF):

**President:**

VILMAR, Josip, member of Sokol before the recent war, and CP member during the war. [redacted]

**Deputy Presidents:**

KARDELJ, Edvard, old CP member

KIDRIC, Boris, old CP member

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## Secretariat:

RUS, Josip	CP member since 1940
KOCBEK, Edvard	Christian-Socialist prior to 1939, and CP member thereafter
MARINKO, Miha	old CP member
BRECEIJ, Dr. Marjan	CP member since 1941
POLIC, Zoren	CP member since 1939
KRAIGHER, Boris	old CP member
KAVCIC, Stane	old CP member
HRIBAR, Janez	old CP member
VIPOTNIK, Janez	old CP member
LESKOSK, Franc	old CP member
MACEK, Ivan	old CP member
BEVK, Franc	CP member since 1941
TOMŠIC, Vida	old CP member
FAJFAR, Tone	Christian-Socialist prior to 1940, thereafter CP member
LUBEJ, Franc	old CP and Sokol member
SENTJURC, Lidiija	old CP member
AVBELJ, Viktor	old CP member
POTRC, Dr. Joze	old CP member
KOZAK, Dr. Ferdo	old CP member
DJURICKOVIC, Bosko	old CP member, political commissar of the 4th Army.
KRAIGHER, Sergij	old CP member
OCEPEK, Angelca	old CP member
JANKO, Rudolf	old CP member
ZUPANCIC, Oton	CP member since 1943
JAKOPIC, Albert	old CP member
RTGETT, Ivan	old CP member
KRIVIC, Vlado	old CP member
BERLEP, Dr. Ales	old CP member
BORSTNER, Joze	old CP member
PEROVSK, Franc	old CP member
TOMŠIC, Mira	old CP member
MALESIC, Matija	old CP member
TOMAN, Tone	old CP member
TURNHER, Edmund	old CP member
KOVAC, Stane	liberal prior to 1942, thereafter CP member.

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SNUDERL, Dr. Maks	Liberal prior to 1943, thereafter CP member.
KRIVELJ, Maks	old CP member
SVETEK, Franc	old CP member
JERAS, Josip	Member of Sokol and liberal before 1943, thereafter CP member.
OSOLNIK, Bogdan	old CP member
POPIT, Franc	old CP member
KRAMJC, Misko	old CP member
PRIMOZIC, Joze	Liberal before 1942, thereafter CP member
VOLJC, Ignac	Liberal before 1942, thereafter CP member
SIMONIC, Franc	Liberal before 1943, thereafter CP member

The above list clearly demonstrates the full control of the OF by the CP, a fact which is further confirmed by Miha MARTINKO's own words, "Thanks to the CP, the OF, as a political organization of all the working people, became ideologically, politically, and organizationally united, and is as strong as the CP itself in many other countries of this world. The leading role, of course, belongs to the CP, since it initiated the OF."

5. The OF at present vigorously controls all public, political and cultural life in Slovenia. To maintain this control, the IOOF is divided into the following councils, commissions and administrations:

Farmers Council

Economic Commission

Social Funds Administration

Peoples Education Commission

Cultural Council

Construction of Cooperative Homes Administration

The OF Secretariat includes the following:

- a. Organization and Cadre Section in charge of establishing cadre policy, research and statistical work, and coordinating the work of all "mass organizations".
- b. Commission for Agitation and Press Propaganda.
- c. Commission for Territorial Questions, in charge of maintaining contact with the OF in Carinthia, Styria [redacted]
- d. Economic Section, in charge of IOOF financial problems, including publishing of the newspaper, Slovenski Porocevaloc, the publication of the Slovenski Knjizni Zavod (Slovene Publishing House), and the construction of a new building, Home of the Liberation Front, in Ljubljana.

7. The Slovene OF is represented by: 28 district committees and 3,200 city, rayon (city district), terrain (rural) and village committees. [redacted] the Slovene OF has 625,560 members which represents about 70% of all Slovenes allowed to vote; 61% of the Slovene OF members paid their membership dues

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by the end of 1947. The aforementioned committees are usually composed of 44% laborers and workers (Comment: Laborers and workers represent 27% of the Slovene population); 42% farmers (Comment: farmers represent about 66% of the Slovene population); and 14% intellectuals.

8. The following organizations in Slovenia are under OF jurisdiction:

a. Enotni strokovni sindikati delavcev in namencev Slovenije

(United Branch Syndicates of "Workers and White Collar Workers"). This organization has 214,777 members, which represents 90% of all Slovene workers and white collar workers. Included in these 214,777 members are 5,081 "shock workers" (udarniki) of which 1,116 are double or triple "shock workers".

b. Antifasisticka fronta zena (AFZ, Women's Anti-Fascist Front).

This organization has 322,464 members, represented by 2,571 committees which are in charge of 87 "patronates", 145 classes for mothers, 3 labor rooms for mothers, and 25 playgrounds for children.

c. Ljudska mladina Slovenije (LMS, Slovene Peoples Youth).

This organization has 124,944 members, represented by 30 district committees with secretariats.

d. Ljudska prosveta Slovenije (Slovene Peoples Education).

This organization is in charge of 2,182 theaters, 1,274 libraries, 344 reading classes, 1,009 cultural and economic classes, 85 universities, 278 homes and 164 gymnasiums and meeting halls.

e. Zadružne organizacije Slovenije (Slovene Cooperative Organization)

This organization is in charge of 1,589 cooperative sales stores.

f. Rdeči križ Slovenije (Slovene Red Cross).

This organization has 209,309 members, represented by 1,506 branch offices. 26,000 individuals were instructed in 78 courses in nursing and first aid.

g. Socialni fond Slovenije (Slovene Social Fund).

This organization has 115,736 paying members and 713 branch offices and, has to date collected 22 million dinars in dues for organizational use.

h. Zveza borcev Slovenije (Coalition of National Liberation Army Veterans).

This organization has 40,000 members.

i. Fizikalna zveza Slovenije (Slovene Physical Training Coalition).

This organization has 27,794 members belonging to 615 different local clubs for physical training.

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